

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A trolley control wheel assembly adapted to be fitted to a trolley having a longitudinal axis of travel includes (1) an array of castors; (2) a fixed wheel or wheels adapted to be positioned at or near the load centre of the trolley or at or near the centre of the array, and (3) a bias device and a damping device to provide controlled contact between the wheel or wheels and a surface on which the trolley is intended to travel. The bias device and the damping device may jointly be formed as a gas strut.--